



SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PREPARATION – DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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DATE: April 30, 2010

TO: **FROM:** Department of Planning and Building
976 Osos St., Rm. 300
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

PROJECT TITLE: Topaz Solar Farm/ Twisselman, et al, Conditional Use Permit/ ED08-025
(DRC2008-00009)

PROJECT APPLICANT: First Solar (Wayne Hoffman – Project Manager)

RESPONSES DUE BY: June 1, 2010

On September 2, 2008 a Notice of EIR Preparation was sent to you for comment on a similarly proposed solar plant project. If your agency commented previously, it can be found on the County's website at:

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/environmental/EnvironmentalNotices/optisolar.htm>

INTRODUCTION

The County is issuing this second supplemental NOP to keep the public and the agencies apprised of the Topaz Solar Farm Project revisions. Topaz Solar Farms, LLC (Applicant) has continued to evolve the Topaz Solar Farm Project (Project) to respond to input received from interested agencies and community-members. Project updates also incorporate findings of site analyses that have been recently completed. In addition, the Applicant has acquired options on lands previously considered for the Ausra Carrizo Energy Solar Farm project. The acquisition of these land options has allowed the proposed Project to minimize use of land subject to the Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act) and to provide for corridors to promote wildlife movement through the Project. The acquisition of these land options has also allowed the Applicant to present two options for the Project Site: one is located within Study Area A and contains many of the newly added properties, and the second is located within Study Area B, which is similar to the previous Project layout. Both Study Areas will be evaluated in the EIR.

The County of San Luis Obispo will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the above-referenced project. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the

Environmental Impact Report prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

PLEASE provide us the following information at your earliest convenience, but not later than the 30-day comment period, which began with your agency's receipt of the Notice of Preparation (NOP).

1. NAME OF CONTACT PERSON. (Address, e-mail and telephone number)
2. PERMIT(S) or APPROVAL(S) AUTHORITY. Please provide a summary description of these and send a copy of the relevant sections of legislation, regulatory guidance, etc.
3. ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION. What environmental information must be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report to enable your agency to use this documentation as a basis for your permit issuance or approval?
4. PERMIT STIPULATIONS/CONDITIONS. Please provide a list and description of standard stipulations (conditions) that your agency will apply to features of this project. Are there others that have a high likelihood of application to a permit or approval for this project? If so, please list and describe.
5. ALTERNATIVES. What alternatives does your agency recommend be analyzed in equivalent level of detail with those listed above?
6. REASONABLY FORESEEABLE PROJECTS, PROGRAMS or PLANS. Please name any future project, programs or plans that you think may have an overlapping influence with the project as proposed.
7. RELEVANT INFORMATION. Please provide references for any available, appropriate documentation you believe may be useful to the county in preparing the Environmental Impact Report. Reference to and/or inclusion of such documents in an electronic format would be appreciated.
8. FURTHER COMMENTS. Please provide any further comments or information that will help the county to scope the document and determine the appropriate level of environmental assessment.

The project description, location, and the probable environmental effects are contained either in the attached materials/CD, or can be found on the County's website <http://www.sloplanning.org>, then enter "Topaz" in the 'Search Box'.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Trevor Keith at the address shown above. As requested above, we will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Signature _____
Project Manager
Telephone: (805) 781-1431

Reference: California Administrative Code, Title 14, Section 15082